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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GETSIN ET AL.

Examiner

Joseph E. Avellino

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-18 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roberts et al. (hereinafter Roberts) (USPN 6,161,132) in view of Walker et al. (USPN 6,263,505) (hereinafter Walker).

2. Referring to claims 1, 7, and 13, Roberts discloses a method for storing synchronization information for subsequent playback of an event on a plurality of client apparatuses, comprising the steps of:

providing an event stored in memory on at least one of the client apparatuses, wherein the client apparatuses and a host computer (server) are adapted to be connected to a network (Internet) (col. 7, line 30 to col. 8, line 2);

storing information on the host computer for allowing the simultaneous playback of the event from the memory on each of the client apparatuses (col. 7, line 30 to col. 8, line 2);

Roberts does not disclose allowing the information to be downloaded utilizing the network for playback after the simultaneous playback. Walker discloses allowing the

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information to be downloaded utilizing the network for playback after the simultaneous playback (it is inherent that the video can be downloaded to a recorded medium since the synchronization information would be presented even if the video program is on a recorded medium) (col. 6, lines 50-53). It would be obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Walker with Roberts to allow messages to be stored and played at a later time.

3. As to claims 2, 8, and 14, Roberts-Walker discloses the invention substantially as discussed in the claim 1 rejection, including the event includes a video and audio presentation (Roberts, col. 2, lines 5-26).

4. As to claims 3, 9, and 15, Roberts discloses a method for storing synchronization information as stated above. Roberts does not disclose the information includes a history and data associated with the simultaneous playback. Walker discloses the information includes a history and data associated with the simultaneous playback (synchronization table) (Figure 5). It would be obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Walker with Roberts to show which synchronization events and instructions occurred and can be readily updateable through the Internet as supported by Walker (col. 8, lines 6-37).

5. As to claims 4, 10, and 16, Roberts-Walker discloses the invention substantially as discussed in the claim 1 rejection, including the network is a wide area network

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(Roberts, col. 1, lines 57-61). The Office takes the Internet to be synonymous with a wide area network.

6. As to claims 5, 11, and 17, Roberts-Walker discloses the invention substantially as discussed in the claim 1 rejection, including the memory includes a digital video disc (DVD) (Roberts, col. 2, lines 5-18).

7. As to claims 6, 12, and 18, Roberts-Walker discloses the invention substantially as discussed in the claim 1 rejection, including the information includes chapter information associated with the DVD (Roberts, col. 4, lines 1-20). The term "track" can be considered equivalent to a chapter on a DVD since DVD movies are segmented into chapters such as audio CD's are segmented into audio tracks.

Response to Amendment

8. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

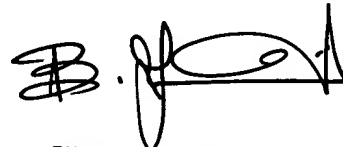
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